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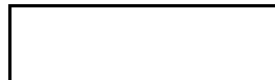
MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. W. Raymond Wannall
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT : Request by the Department of Justice for
Reassessment of the Threat of Clandestine
Introduction of Nuclear Weapons into the
United States

1. Attached is what should be a self-explanatory set of documents sent to senior officials of State/INR, DIA, NSA, and the Treasury Department. By inadvertent oversight, for which I apologize, you were not included in this list of addressees, as you obviously should have been; though you should have received copies of the documents themselves through normal distribution channels.

2. As you will see, this material deals with arranging appropriate responses to a request received by the DCI from the Acting Chairman of the Justice Department's Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security. I would assume that the Bureau was a member of this committee and, hence, would have been involved in or knowledgeable of the original request. In two decades of government service, however, I have learned that assumptions -- no matter how logical -- are sometimes unwarranted.

3. The subject the Justice Department has asked the DCI to address is clearly one of interest and concern to the FBI, and we would welcome your participation in our preparation of the Intelligence Community's response.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David Mark (INR)

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Division, NSA

Mr. William Morell, Special Assistant to the
Secretary of the Treasury

SUBJECT:

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of the Threat of Clandestine Introduction of
Nuclear Weapons Into the United States

1. Attached is a 3 April letter to the Director of Central Intelligence from the Acting Chairman of the Justice Department's Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security. As explained in the letter, that Committee is charged with periodically reviewing the threat of clandestine introduction of nuclear weapons into the United States and the resources available to counter any such threat. The letter asks that Mr. Colby provide a current assessment of the validity of the judgments set forth in the last formal Estimate on this subject, NIE 4-70 (7 July 1970).

2. NIE 4-70 focuses almost exclusively on the clandestine introduction of nuclear weapons into the United States by foreign nations. In the interval since publication of that Estimate, the intrusion of foreign terrorist groups into the international arena (some of them with access to substantial financial resources) has raised the possibility of the theft or clandestine manufacture of a nuclear device by one or another of these groups, a risk not addressed in NIE 4-70.

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3. In order to prepare a useful response to the Justice Department, USIB representatives are asked to promptly review NIE 4-70 to assess the validity of its principal judgments and also to consider whether the DCI's response should address the terrorist aspect of the problem.

4. There will be a representatives meeting to discuss these two subjects on Wednesday, May 1st, at 1330 in Room 7-E-62, CIA Headquarters. Please telephone [redacted] with the names of your representatives and their clearances. Arrangements will be made for them to enter the building at the main entrance.

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